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Yet again, lack of coordination between civic bodies has manholes on walking path at Seegehalli Lake left wide open

THE HOLE WORKS

Open manholes pose danger to children, senior citizens

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Seegehalli Lake near KR Puram has been in the news of late. The latest issue at the waterbody is lack of coordination between the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lakes department. Visitors at the lake point to the pitiable condition of manholes on the walking path and the lakeland.

Often one can see some of the manhole covers on the busy roads either broken or damaged due to heavy traffic. The residents of Seegehalli who visit the lake are quite surprised to see manholes constructed on the walking path in a bad condition. They said that these manholes pose danger to children and senior citizens who visit the lake for a walk in the morning and evening.

"It is quite shocking to see the manhole on the walking path not only in a bad condition but also wide open. I have already informed the BBMP lakes department about the condition of these manholes. The quality of construction of the manholes is far from satisfactory. The BBMP lakes department or the BWSSB must fix this problem before any untoward incident takes place," said Balaji Raghotham, an environmentalist.

"The BWSSB has removed benches meant for senior citizens while laying the UGD pipeline

— N Shashidharan, resident, RMS Colony

Blaming the BBMP lakes department for negligence, a resident said the lack of commitment and dedication among the authorities is the main reason for the condition of the infrastructure at the lake.

"It is not clear who opened the concrete cover of the manhole and for what purpose. It is the responsibility of the

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Stay off the jungle

Activities within protected conservation areas should be approved by authorities concerned

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A recent news report about a local farmer supplying water to a check dam inside Bandalli Betta within the limits of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary to ensure water availability for wildlife created a stir among wildlife conservationists and researchers.

In a written complaint sent to the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), a Bengaluru-based conservationist highlighted the issue of waterholes being created inside forest reserves and protected areas by nonprofit organisations and individuals; in some cases without due permission.

"NGOs and private people are being allowed to create and fill waterholes without following the Wildlife (Protection) Act. As per sections 27 and 28 of the Act, citizens are not allowed inside protected areas and tiger reserves. Any activity taken up by individuals and organisations other than KFD inside protected areas need permission from the chief wildlife warden (CWW). However, these rules are not being followed," noted the complaint, a copy of which is with BM.

When BM reached out to SK Malkhede, principal chief conservator of forests, wildlife, and chief wildlife warden, KFD, he confirmed that any activity inside protected areas should be approved by the CWW.

"Any activity inside PAs requires mandatory permission from CWW.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Pastry delight

"The Art of Baking" workshop invites you to indulge in the delicious world of baking! Learn from expert chefs as they guide you through the intricacies of creating delectable pastries, cakes, and bread. Whether you're a beginner or a baking enthusiast, this workshop promises to enhance your skills and ignite your passion for baking.
Where- Small World, Koramangala
When- Until April 29

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Experience the thrill and excitement of Gemini Circus! Watch mesmerising performances, daring acts, and hilarious clown routines that will leave you in awe. Bring your family and friends for a memorable evening of entertainment under the big top. **Where- ITI Ground, KR Puram**
When- Until April 25

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Explore the therapeutic world of Mandala Art Meditation! Join in for a serene session where you'll learn to create intricate mandala designs

while calming your mind and nurturing your creativity. No prior experience is necessary; all materials will be provided. Immerse yourself in this mindful practice and discover inner peace through art. **Where- Small World, Koramangala**
When- April 20

Tribute paid Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pays tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar's statue on his birth anniversary at Vidhana Soudha on Sunday

Current drought linked to Super El Nino phenomenon

Experts anticipate La Nina phase amidst unpredictable weather patterns, caution persists despite regional rainfall

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Despite rainfall in some parts of Karnataka, Bengaluru is still awaiting dark clouds and precipitation. A recent report suggests that the ongoing drought could be connected to the 'Super El Nino' phase, and experts worldwide anticipate a La Nina phase that might bring more rainfall. However, due to the unpredictability of weather, there is cautious optimism.

Firstly, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), there was rainfall in specific regions of North Interior Karnataka, Coastal Karnataka, and South Interior Karnataka. The highest recorded rainfall was 8 cm in Agumbe AWS (located in Shivamogga district) and 7 cm in Tavaragera (in Koppal district). Other significant amounts included 4 cm in Dharmasthala (in Dakshina Kannada district), Jayapura, NR Pura (both in Chikkamagaluru district), and various other locations.

Meanwhile, private weather experts have indicated that we are currently in the midst of a Super El Nino phase. According to a report from Skymet, there have been a total of six instances of 'Super El Nino' since 1950. Super El Nino occurrences are defined by the El Nino phenomenon surpassing a critical temperature threshold of 2°C in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.

"Historically, Super El Nino events have typically been succeeded by strong La Nina conditions, except for the anomaly observed in 1966. During this particular year, the El Nino–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) remained neutral from April to June and continued through August to October. This period of ENSO neutrality coincided with a dry spell, resulting in a drought year with precipitation levels falling below the long-term average. The years recognised as Super El Nino periods are as follows: 1965-66, 1972-73, 1982-83, 1997-98, 2015-16, and most recently, 2023-24. These years were marked by El Nino conditions exceeding the 2°C threshold, classifying them as Super El Nino events. Following Super El Nino years, robust La Nina conditions have historically been a trend, contributing to altered weather patterns and climate impacts. It is noteworthy that the year 1966 stands out due to its departure from the typical Super El Nino followed by a strong La Nina sequence. Instead, ENSO remained neutral during this period, leading to a drought scenario with reduced rainfall compared to the usual seasonal averages," the report said.

Report also explains that El Nino advisories are issued when El Nino or La Nina conditions are observed and expected to persist

The report also explained that El Nino advisories are issued when El Nino or La Nina conditions are observed and expected to persist. The advisory started last year due to the collapse of triple-dip La Nina. For La Nina 'Watch,' the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) issues a bulletin indicating favourable conditions for La Nina development with a notice period of six months. The final El Nino/La Nina advisory is issued when these conditions come to an end. Currently, both the advisory and watch are expected to continue for the next 4-6 weeks until ENSO becomes neutral.

The Skymet report mentioned that the Southern Oscillation Index has turned positive, supporting ENSO-neutral conditions. This indicates that the atmosphere has become stable, leaving the ocean to deal with El Nino alone. The Nino indices in the tropical Pacific have shown warming in their respective regions, suggesting that El Nino may persist for another month. Regarding the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), the report highlighted its role in modulating Indian monsoon rainfall and its influence on the correlation between the Indian Summer Monsoon Rainfall (ISMR) and ENSO. Positive IOD during La Nina conditions can enhance monsoon rainfall, while a negative IOD combined with El Nino can negatively impact the monsoon.

The Skymet report concluded that a positive IOD can weaken El Nino's impact, while a negative IOD with El Nino can disrupt the monsoon. However, a positive IOD along with La Nina can safely guide the monsoon, as seen in 2007 when monsoon rainfall was above normal. This season, a similar alignment of La Nina and positive IOD is expected, indicating a safe landing for the monsoon.

Some regions of North Interior Karnataka, Coastal Karnataka, and South Interior Karnataka received some rainfall earlier this week

The missing clue: 'Fix defunct CCTV cameras'

Citizens helping families look for missing loved ones urge BBMP to repair cams

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has spent a lot of money installing thousands of CCTV cameras at various locations, including lakes, across the city. However, not many of them are functioning due to lack of maintenance thus failing to serve the purpose for which those are installed.

Expressing concern over the defunct CCTV cameras, Compassion Crew & OntheBuzz, a collective of devoted citizen volunteers committed to aiding families searching for their missing loved ones, said that they have encountered numerous surveillance cameras installed by the BBMP that are non-functional, rendering them ineffective and defeating their intended purpose.

The volunteers said that the CCTV cameras that are in working condition serve as a significant deterrent to criminal activity, as the possibility of being recorded makes the commission of illegal acts less appealing. They said that the knowledge that an area is under surveillance provides reassurance to the public and contributes to a sense of security.

"Bengaluru's silent guardians, the CCTV cameras, must awaken from their slumber. Our plea is clear: let's revitalise our city's watchful eyes to not only deter crime but to bring solace to those in search of missing family members. It is a call for vigilance, a demand for action, and a collective cry for safety. We stand at a crossroads where technology and empathy intersect, and it is time for the Government of Karnataka to take the lead. Let us turn the tide, repair the broken, and ensure a safer tomorrow for all," said Poornima Shetty of Compassion Crew & OntheBuzz Team.

Volunteers say CCTV cameras serve as deterrent to criminal activity

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> –Poornima Shetty, Compassion Crew

Compassion Crew & OntheBuzz Team has petitioned to the state government to initiate a thorough evaluation of all BBMP-installed surveillance cameras to ascertain their operational status. It has also appealed to the state government to promptly repair or replace all defunct cameras with modern, high-performance models that ensure consistent and reliable surveillance and integrate them with the Control Room, aligning with the Safe City Initiative for real-time monitoring and efficient incident response.

Uma Rajeshwari of Aadya from Ramamurthy Nagar, who joined hands with Compassion Crew & OntheBuzz Team, said that 50 percent of the CCTV cameras installed by the BBMP are defunct. "For example, some of the CCTV cameras installed by the BBMP on Old Madras Road are yet to become operational. Due to lack of CCTV footage, it became tough for the volunteers to get vital clues on the missing child at Lingarajapuram," said Rajeshwari.

Dipa Anand, a volunteer from Koramangala, emphasised the need of ensuring the CCTV cameras in working condition as the CCTV footage will be a great help in tracing missing children and senior citizens.

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Film producer dies after suicide attempt

Kannada film producer and businessman Soundarya Jagadish died following an alleged suicide attempt, police and sources close to him said on Sunday.

The producer allegedly attempted suicide this morning in his residence at Mahalakshmi Layout here, they said.

Police said investigations are on and all due process will be followed.

"Jagadish has died following a suicide attempt. We brought him to hospital, where he was declared dead. Further procedures are underway to know what was the reason. There were no health issues; we are unable to tell you the reason suddenly. This happened today morning," Jagadish's friend Shreyas told reporters.

To a question regarding Jagadish being served a bank notice recently and whether that could have been the cause, he said, "No, it has no connection with this. That issue has been there for some time now. Business issues are different." The police were informed immediately, Shreyas said, rejecting "misleading reports" that the death was due to cardiac arrest. He said, "On getting to know, he was rushed to the hospital this morning...he had attempted suicide by hanging."

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Sharing is caring, especially when it comes to auto rides

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Bengaluru will soon see shared auto rickshaws in the city especially near metro stations. DULT is piloting a loop-service shared e-autorickshaws in Malleshwaram.

Currently, there are multiple avenues for meeting last mile connectivity like autorickshaws, pre-fixed autorickshaw counters, taxis, but this mode is likely to be a low-cost option.

DULT is collaborating with Green Urban Mobility Innovation Living Lab (GUMI-LL) a joint initiative of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Bosch Ltd to cover commercial areas and recreational zones such as flower markets, Sankey tanks, metro stations, schools, temples, and shopping malls to the residential areas in the neighbourhood.

DULT has invited applications for

interested operators and the winning submission will be paid a service fee of Rs. 20 lakh for the operations. This sum will be paid in three instalments.

For the pilot, a minimum of 30 e-autorickshaws will be made available within the loop services. At a time, a maximum capacity of 3 passengers plus a driver will be permitted. DULT has identified four routes for loop service in Malleshwaram.

While in the initial phase, 30 e-auto rickshaws will be mandated, it can be increased to 50 e-auto rickshaws based on demand. As per the terms, 100 per cent of the fleet should be in operation however for the first four weeks, there would be reduction in fleet services on off-peak hours.

Routes

Route 1
Sampige Road – South End Road – 4 th Main Road – 11th Cross Road – 8 th Main Road – 15 th Cross Road – 2 nd Temple Street – 8 th Cross Road – Link Road – Seshadripuram Main Road – Subedar Chatram Road – Nagappa Street

Route 1 A
Sampige Road – MLA Office Road – 2 nd Main road – Link Road – Pipeline Road – Dattatreya Temple Street – 2 nd Main Road – 4 th Cross Road – 11 th Cross Road – 2 nd Temple Street – 15 th Cross Road – 8 th Main Road – 11th Main Road – South End Road – Sirur Park Road – Nagappa Street

Route 2
18th Cross Bus Stand – Margosa Road – 17th Cross Road – Dr Rajkumar Road – Chord Road – Sandal Soap Factory

Route 2A (Anti-Clockwise)
Sandal Soap factory – Orion Mall – Dr Rajkumar Road – 17th cross Road – 11th Main Road – 18th cross Road – Sampige Road – 18th Cross Bus Stand

These auto-rickshaws will be available from 7 am to 11 pm. The routes should have a maximum headway of 5 minutes.

The autorickshaws will have an in-built GPS tracking system, or the driver's mobile location shall be tracked to ensure added safety for passengers, especially women commuters. The GPS location of the autorickshaws will be available on a real-time basis and the public.

The loop services will be capped at Rs 40. The fares will be priced at Rs 20 for the first two km and Rs 10 for every subsequent km. Children below the age of 5 would be allowed to travel for free.

The operator shall depute a hub executive to oversee the day-to-day operations of e-auto services and passenger boarding will be through a queuing mechanism, managed by the hub operator/drivers. Pick-up and drop-off will only be done at designated places.

Experts say that shared auto-rickshaws on fixed routes will serve the purpose of public transport services. "The concept of shared autorickshaws is cost-effective for passengers and fixed earnings for auto rickshaw drivers. With fixed demand near metro stations, shared autos can be run near metro stations but could also work near TTMCs. We need a policy-level change permitting shared auto-rickshaws in the city. With the establishment of BMLTA, BMRCL can also integrate last-mile connectivity along with ticket prices. However, the current pricing of Rs 20 for an initial two km might not be competitive with parking prices and might discourage its usage," said urban mobility expert, Satya Arikutharam.

Pink Line tunnelling to be completed by August 31

Final phases of Pink Line underground construction set to elevate city's metro network

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Pink Line construction on Bannerghatta Road (file photo)

The Pink Line, an integral part of Bengaluru's metro network, holds significant importance due to its extensive underground Metro tunnel. This tunnel, which connects Bannerghatta Road to Nagawara, is currently in its final stages of construction and is expected to be completed by August this year. The 13-kilometre tunnelling project has been taken up in three phases. The first two phases have already been successfully completed, with the third phase nearing its conclusion. As of now, the third phase of tunnelling stands at an impressive 94 per cent completion rate.

A Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) official said, "This critical phase involves the excavation of 935 metres of tunnel between KG Halli and Nagawara, utilising advanced Tunnel Boring Machines named Tunga and Bhadra. Tunga, which began its journey southwards on February 2, and Bhadra, which started northwards on April 2, are making significant progress. Tunga is expected to finish its part of the tunnel by July 31, while Bhadra is anticipated to reach the end of its tunnelling process by August 31. The successful completion of the tunnelling phases will pave the way for subsequent track laying and civil works, along with the installation of necessary infrastructure for the metro line. The Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara stretch, spanning 21.26 kilometres and encompassing 18 stations, is a crucial addition to Bengaluru's metro network. This stretch includes both elevated sections and underground tunnels, ensuring efficient connectivity across various parts of the city. Once operational, the Pink Line will play a vital role in easing transportation woes and enhancing connectivity for residents and commuters in Bengaluru. The BMRCL remains committed to delivering this project on schedule and ensuring that the metro system continues to be a reliable and efficient mode of public transportation for the city's growing population."

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The Hosahalli-Kadabagere Metro works may commence by year-end if approved by the Centre. An official stated, "We had anticipated receiving approval for the Metro's third phase before the announcement of Lok Sabha election dates. However, since that did not happen, and the election code of conduct is currently in effect, we must now await the incoming government, expected to take office by June, which may cause a slight delay. The State cabinet has already given its approval, and progress depends on the Centre's endorsement."

BMRCL has initiated preliminary works, including the land acquisition process and other necessary tasks. The plan is to execute the works in phases, with over 100 acres of land already identified for the project. Approximately 75 acres near Byadarahalli police station have been earmarked for depot construction, while an additional 25 acres are required for building a flyover.

Previously, the Centre had stipulated that only three bogies of trains would operate on this stretch instead of six. There are also plans to develop a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for constructing a Metro flyover and a road flyover for the new Metro stretches spanning from JP Nagar's fourth phase to Hebbal (29.2 km) and Hosahalli-Kadabagere (11.45 km) stretches.

Civic agencies turn lake infra upside down

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authorities concerned to ensure the manhole is covered properly to avoid untoward incidents," said the resident.

Expressing concern over the poor quality of the walking path, N Shashidharan, a resident of RMS Colony, said that he was not happy with the quality of the walking path.

"The BWSSB has removed benches meant for senior citizens while laying the UGD pipeline on the lakeland. Earlier, around 30 senior citizens used to visit the lake in the evening but not many are visiting now as there are no benches for them to sit on. It is their duty to restore the benches after completing the UGD work. I have already informed the BBMP lakes department but nothing has been done till date," said Shashidharan. Some residents complained about workers damaging saplings while unloading concrete pavers a few months ago. They said the contractor and the BBMP lakes engineer assured to plant new saplings to compensate for the loss of saplings damaged by the workers.

However, the BBMP lakes department engineer was not available for comment.

'Share of affordable homes shrinks to 22% in Jan-Mar'

Share of affordable homes -- priced up to Rs 45 lakh each -- in total housing sales more than halved to 22 per cent during January-March across top eight cities amid strong demand for luxury flats, according to PropTiger. Share of affordable homes in total housing sales stood at 48 per cent in the January-March period of 2023 calendar year. Housing brokerage firm PropTiger.com data showed that housing sales grew by 41 per cent to 1,20,640 units during January-March 2024 across top eight cities from 85,840 units in the corresponding period of the previous year.

In the total sales of 1,20,640 units during January-March, the share of homes, priced less than Rs 25 lakh each, was 5 per cent.

"There has been a remarkable shift post the pandemic towards high-end properties," PropTiger said in its quarterly report 'Real Insight Residential January-March 2024'.

The top eight cities are Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi- NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune.

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Dusty, old bike

Frazer Town

A two-wheeler has been abandoned for over a month on Coles Road, opposite Lido Sweets.

Ignored cables

Ashwathnagar

Cable work is completed behind former CM Yediyurappa's house road in Ashwathnagar, but the cables are left unattended for 10 days.

Trash pile up

Horamavu

Excess trash is piling up next to the Ganesha Temple arch near the main road.

Builder in soup for lapses in sewage treatment plant

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has issued a notice to apartments of Bhavani Enterprises Apartment based on a complaint lodged by one of its residents for not treating sewage properly.

The complaint, received on Integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (IGPRS) by Dhananjaya P, one of the residents of the Sobha Arena Apartment, alleged there was foul smell and worms in the sewage treatment plant (STP) water at the building. The KSPCB issued a notice to the authorised signatory of Bhavani Enterprises, Sarjapur-Marathalli Outer Ring Road, stating that the DEO had inspected the apartment complex on December 7, 2023, and found that the STP was established below ground level and not provided with a proper exhaust system to prevent the stink.

"You have not entered the energy meter readings in the log book maintained for STP operations. Filter press is not being operated and kept idle and the motor fitted to the filter press is under repair. You have not furnished the periodic treated sewage water quality monitoring reports (analysed through MoEF & CC approved laboratory) to the Board. You have not provided sign boards viz., 'Danger' & 'Treated sewage effluent not fit for drink' in the STP area," the KSPCB Regional Office said.

> **We advise home buyers to form a registered association of allottees, audit the STP operation for compliance with Water Act**
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> –Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, forum

The KSPCB Regional Office has directed the authorised signatory to submit a compliance report (along with documentary evidence) to the above mentioned violations within seven days from the date of receipt of this notice. "Failing which this Office will recommend the Board to initiate penal action under the provisions of the Section 33(A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974," the notice said.

The KSPCB Regional Office wrote a letter to the KSPCB Zonal Senior Environmental Officer on April 2, 2024 to initiate action under the Section 33(A) of the Water Act, 1974 against the residential apartment.

"The DEO had inspected the apartment on December 7, 2023 and observed certain non-compliances.. Based on the non-compliances, this office has issued SCN to the Sobha Developers Ltd vide ref (4). However, the occupier of the apartment has not yet submitted the reply to the said show-cause notice. In view of the above, the apartment was once again inspected on March 21, 2024 and observed that no measures have been taken to comply with the non-compliances observed during the previous inspection. Please find the draft NPD (Notice of Proposed Direction) to be issued to the Apartment and it is recommended to issue the NPD to the Apartment at the earliest," said the Environment Officer of Rajarajeshwari Nagar in a letter to the KSPCB Zonal Senior Environmental Officer.

Karnataka Home Buyers Forum Sanchalak Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar said that the promoters need to fix the problem to comply with the law if there are any violations. "We advise home buyers to ensure they form a registered association of allottees under a competent authority, audit the STP operation for compliance with Water Act and then take over the STP," he said.

Beer or buttermilk? B'lureans choose both

Record-breaking sales of liquor and dairy products registered as city tries to keep it cool in hot summer

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Records: On April 11, 51.6 lakh litres of milk sold; 17.67 lakh litres beer sold from April 1-11

As temperature climbs in the state, there's been a surge in beer sales. From April 1 to 11, a record-breaking 17.67 lakh litres of beer were sold. Comparing this to previous years, sales were at 8.83 lakh litres in 2021, 9.20 lakh litres in 2022, and 13.16 lakh litres during the same period last year. Officials from the Excise department attribute this year's increase of 4.51 lakh litres to the rising temperature. Liquor sales tend to rise slightly during election periods. However, with campaigning yet to gain momentum, officials anticipate higher sales during local body or Assembly elections compared to Lok Sabha polls.

Sales of Indian Manufactured liquor have also shown an upward trend. In 2022, 14,395 lakh cartons (each containing 48 bottles of 180 ml) were sold. This figure jumped to 180.02 lakh carton boxes in 2023 and reached 18.67 lakh boxes in 2024. An official added, "The increase in beer sales, particularly during periods of rising temperatures, reflects a pattern seen globally where warmer weather often correlates with higher demand for refreshing beverages like beer. This trend is especially notable when comparing sales figures across consecutive years, indicating both seasonal and possibly underlying economic factors influencing consumer behaviour."

On the other hand, the sales of dairy products in Karnataka too have experienced a notable upswing, especially during the summer. On April 6, a remarkable 13.56 lakh litres of curd were sold, signalling a surge in demand for dairy items. This trend continued with even greater fervour on April 11, when a record-breaking 51.60 lakh litres of milk were sold, setting a new milestone for daily sales at the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF). The officials at KMF have pointed out a substantial growth trajectory in milk sales, reflecting a 10% increase compared to the previous year. This uptick in milk consumption aligns with seasonal patterns, as warmer weather often leads to higher consumption of dairy products, particularly milk.

Pricey greens

Vegetable prices continue to remain high due to scorching heat and no rainfall. The price of tomatoes has soared to Rs 25 per kg. The supply of tomatoes in the market has significantly decreased, with traders signalling that the prices may go up further. Green chillies are being sold at Rs 120 per kg, capsicum at Rs 80 per kg, and beans at Rs 115 per kg. The scarcity of vegetables has led consumers to reduce their daily purchases significantly. The price hikes for essential commodities are posing challenges for the common populace, with many feeling the impact of the increased costs on their daily expenses. Naresh Babu, a customer, said, "Earlier, a small-sized fast food joint sold coffee and tea for Rs 10 per cup. Then, they increased it to Rs 12. Now, it is set to go up again. While we are adjusting to the rise in food prices, no one seems to be listening to our woes."

> **The increase in beer sales reflects a pattern seen globally where warmer weather often correlates with higher demand for refreshing beverages**
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> –Official

The rise in curd sales by 22% underscores the trend of consumers seeking dairy-based products during the summer months. Moreover, ancillary products like buttermilk and lassi have also witnessed a surge in popularity, with an estimated daily sale of 1.5 litres. Buttermilk sales have soared by an impressive 30% compared to the corresponding period in the previous year. The significant increase in Nandini ice cream sales by 36% in March 2024 supports the notion of heightened consumer interest in dairy-based treats.

Cubbon Park walkers will be heard

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The Cubbon Park Walkers Association conducted a dialogue between the public and Member of Parliament (MP) candidates. The occasion provided a platform for residents to address concerns regarding the proposed construction of a 10-storey building within the park premises.

MP candidates PC Mohan and Mansoor Khan, along with Prakash K from KRS interacted with concerned citizens. The meeting served as a forum for residents to articulate their apprehensions and seek clarity on the contentious issue.

The Cubbon Park Walkers Association and Lakhara Charitable Trust also set up water drinking bowls for animals and birds at the park in presence of the MP candidates, on Sunday

> **Occasion gives platform for residents to address concerns over proposed construction of a 10-storey building in park**

Umesh K, president, Cubbon Park walkers association, said, "The public's inquiries regarding the construction project reflect their deep-seated attachment to Cubbon Park's cultural and environmental significance. Their active participation in civic discourse signifies a collective commitment to preserving the park's heritage and ecological integrity. By voicing their concerns, residents assert their rights as stakeholders in urban development processes."

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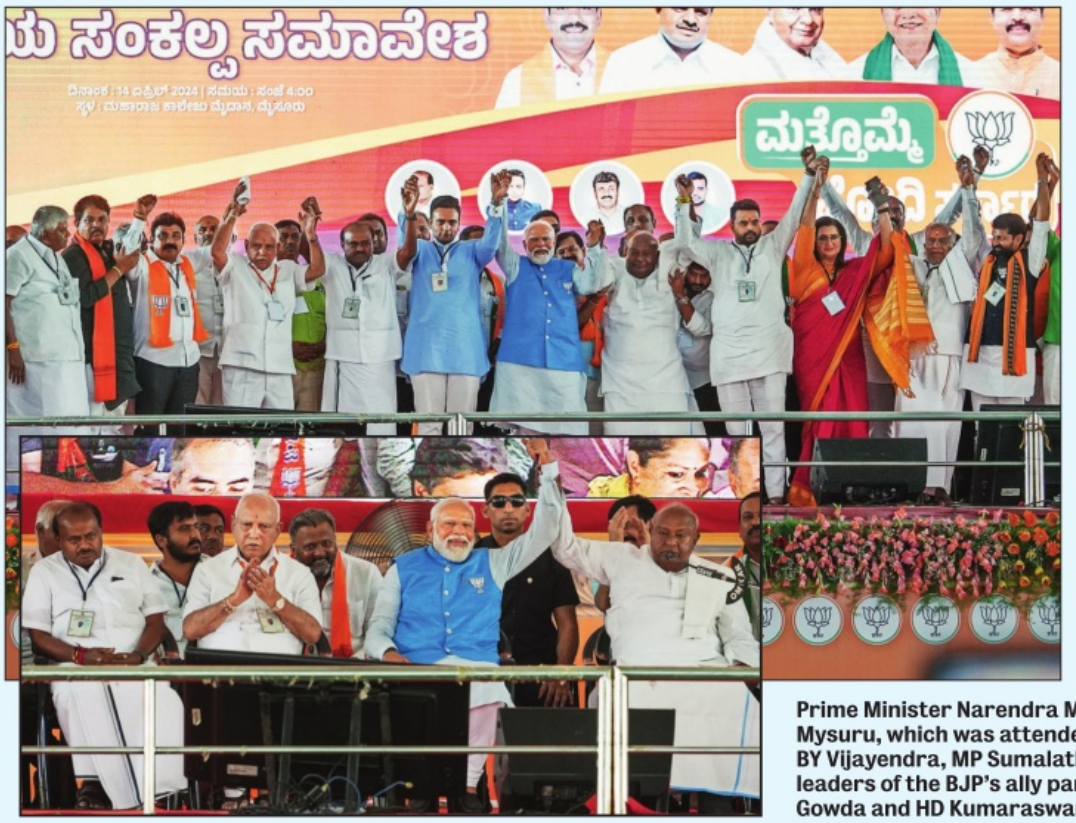

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a public rally in Mysuru, which was attended by party leaders BS Yediyurappa, BY Vijayendra, MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, LoP R Ashoka, the leaders of the BJP's ally partner Janata Dal (Secular), HD Deve Gowda and HD Kumaraswamy, among others, on Sunday

Mega road show in Mangaluru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday held a massive road show in this coastal city of Karnataka, waving at an enthusiastic large crowd along the route.

Standing on a specially designed vehicle, Modi greeted the people gathered on the sides of the roads and on nearby buildings, many of whom were seen chanting 'Modi, Modi', 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogans, amid loud cheers and sounds of drum beat, in what appeared to be a festive atmosphere in several places.

People showered flower petals as his cavalcade passed through the stretch from Narayana Guru circle to Nava Bharat circle in the city in Dakshina Kannada district, which is a BJP stronghold.

The Prime Minister, who was wearing a saffron cap and holding a lotus symbol, was accompanied by Dakshina Kannada BJP Lok Sabha candidate Captain Brijesh Chowta and party nominee for neighbouring Udupi-Chikmagalur seat Kota Srinivas Poojary **– PTI**

3 ex-CMs from NDA in fray

As campaign heats up, a close look at Bommai, Shettar, Kumaraswamy

Three former Chief Ministers from NDA are in the Lok Sabha race in Karnataka, heating up the campaign scene in the Congress-governed state. Basavaraj Bommai (Haveri), Jagadish Shettar (Belgaum) and HD Kumaraswamy (Mandya) joined a long list of predecessors who wanted to play an innings in national politics and many of them successfully as well.

While Bommai and Shettar -- both Lingayats -- are from the BJP; Kumaraswamy, a Vokkaliga, is the JD(S) state President and son of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda. Of the total 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka, BJP is contesting in 25 and JD(S), which joined the NDA in September last year, in three.

There have been a total of 23 Chief Ministers of Karnataka (known as Mysore state before November one, 1973) since 1947; 14 of them have also served as members of Lok Sabha, and two Rajya Sabha.

Seven of them -- KC Reddy, Kengal Hanumanthaiah, Veerendra Patil, Gundu Rao, S Bangarappa, Veerappa Moily and B S Yediyurappa -- shifted to national politics by becoming MPs, after demitting the office. An equal number became Chief Minister after their stint as Parliamentarians -- S Nijalingappa, HD Deve Gowda, J H Patel, SM Krishna, N Dharam Singh, HD Kumaraswamy, and DV Sadananda Gowda. SR Bommai and Ramakrishna Hegde had their Parliamentary innings as members of Rajya Sabha.

Jagadish Shettar is fielded from Belagavi; Basavaraj Bommai will contest from Haveri; Kumaraswamy has sights on ministerial post

Trio joins a long list of predecessors from Karnataka who wanted to play an innings in national politics and many of them successfully as well

Son of a CM

Basavaraj Bommai is making his debut in the Lok Sabha polls, almost a year after the BJP fared poorly in the assembly polls held in May last year, when he was at the helm.

Currently an MLA from Shiggaon, the son of Janata Pariwar stalwart late SR Bommai, is contesting from Haveri Lok Sabha seat. The 64-year-old had stepped in as the Chief Minister, largely due to the backing of Yediyurappa, who was asked by the BJP central leadership to step down in July 2021. Bommai, a four time MLA, was Chief Minister from 2021-23. According to party insiders, he stands a chance of being part of the Modi cabinet in the event of the BJP-led NDA returning to power.

Comeback

Shettar is fielded from Belgaum (Belagavi), represented by BJP's Mangala Angadi, the widow of former Union Minister of State Suresh Angadi. Shettar, who hails from Hubballi-Dharwad region, is a relative of the Angadi family.

The 68-year-old former state BJP President had quit the party to join the Congress ahead of the state assembly polls last year after being denied the ticket, in a setback to BJP in the Lingayat belt. He returned to BJP in January. Shettar was initially reluctant about contesting from Belagavi and wanted Dharwad, which the BJP has given to sitting MP Pralhad Joshi.

During the 2012 political turbulence and factionalism within the ruling BJP in Karnataka, Shettar had emerged as the consensus candidate, and with support of various factions he went on to become the Chief Minister for a brief period, replacing Sadananda Gowda. BJP lost in 2013 assembly polls and Shettar became the Leader of Opposition. During the BJP's second stint in government in 2019, Shettar served as Minister under Yediyurappa, but opted out from being Minister under Bommai, citing seniority. Shettar, a six-time MLA who also served as MLC for three months, had served as the Chief Minister for 10 months between 2012 and 2013. Shettar is also contesting a Lok Sabha election for the first time.

Kingmaker

"I will be the king and not the kingmaker," Kumaraswamy had said in the run-up to the Assembly polls in 2018. His words turned prophetic as the Vokkaliga leader occupied the Chief Minister's post for the second time, despite his JD(S) finishing a poor third in the polls. It was a coalition government with the Congress.

But his tenure was short-lived as the wobbly coalition government that he headed collapsed after 13 months in power. Kumaraswamy had earlier served as the Chief Minister for 20 months from 2006 as the head of a JD(S)-BJP government. The five time MLA now represents Channapatna seat. The 64-year-old has made no secret of his desire to become Agriculture Minister, if the Modi government comes back to power. **– PTI**

'BJP hasn't fulfilled a promise, and never will'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday listed the BJP's unfulfilled promises of two crore jobs a year and doubling farmers' income, among others, and mocked the saffron party over its manifesto, saying its government has never fulfilled a promise, nor will it in the future. Siddaramaiah said there has to be a review of what the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has done in the past 10 years.

"Have they (BJP) fulfilled what they had promised earlier? It has to be discussed. Did they give Rs 15 lakh (to every bank account holder)? Did they generate 2 crore jobs (per year)? Did they double farmers' income? Did they do Make in India? Did 'achhe din' (good days) come? Did prices of all food products and essential commodities come down?" Siddaramaiah asked in response to a question about the BJP manifesto, while speaking to reporters here.

The BJP-led government has never fulfilled any promises and they will not fulfill in the future too, he said. "They (BJP) may promise various things. For example, during the 2018 elections in Karnataka they had made six hundred promises, but didn't fulfill even sixty...they have to first tell what they did in 10 years. After that, they can say what they will do in the future..." he added.

PM Modi on Sunday released the BJP's Lok Sabha poll manifesto, which has a special focus on the poor, youngsters, farmers and women. **– PTI**

Bitcoin fall
Bitcoin fell 7.9% to $61,842 at 21:00 GMT on Saturday, losing $5,308 from its previous close

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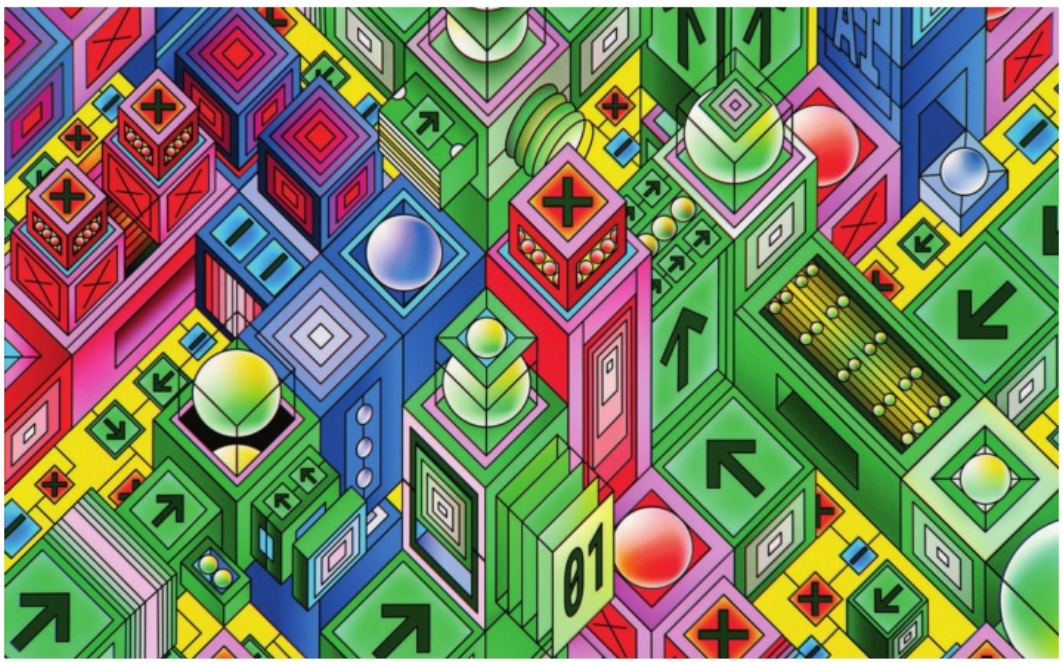


'RACE FOR AI ISN'T ZERO-SUM'

Amazon cloud boss says there just cannot be one model to rule them all

As Google races with Microsoft and OpenAI to create world-changing generative artificial intelligence, some critics see Amazon as lagging behind.

"I respectfully disagree" with that viewpoint, said Adam Selipsky, Amazon's cloud chief, in an interview with AFP.

Tech giants like Microsoft, Google and Meta have made headlines talking about their own foundational models, or those of their close partners, that are key to AI and its ability to produce written works, images, videos or even computer code from simple user prompts.

But "there is simply not going to be one model to rule them all," argued Selipsky. AWS, Amazon's industry-leading cloud branch, is already seeing customers "needing multiple models for multiple different use cases," he explained.

He cited the capabilities of various AI models available on the AWS Bedrock platform, such as Meta's Llama and Claude from Anthropic, as well as some from Mistral in France and Amazon's own Titan brand.

Generative AI is regarded in Silicon Valley as poised to revolutionize the way people get jobs done. And cloud computing companies, which have massive computing power, troves of data and AI expertise, now host generative AI models. They are in a prime position to capitalize on the new technology -- but they have a lot to lose if they don't cough up the latest innovations.

A pioneer of e-commerce, Amazon also dominates the cloud. AWS had 31 percent of the cloud computing market at the end of 2023, according to Stocklytics.

But rivals Microsoft and Google are gaining ground with their cloud businesses, with 24 percent and 11 percent market share respectively.

"Human beings don't give 100 percent accuracy either. And in many cases, the models are outperforming the usefulness and accuracy of live agents

Thanks to a $13 billion investment in ChatGPT-maker OpenAI, Microsoft is "in the driver's seat" of an ongoing cloud revolution, according to Wedbush analyst Dan Ives.

Microsoft and Google compete with their in-house, AI-infused digital assistants to help with creating content -- emails, presentations, ads -- and applications (especially chatbots).

AWS is less known to the public and its digital assistant Alexa is not yet as conversational as ChatGPT.

But Amazon has been in the AI business for more than 25 years, said Selipsky. "If you go back to personalization on the retail website in 1998 -- we called it personalization, but it was AI."

The Seattle firm has long had thousands of people working on the technology and has pivoted some of them to the new frontier of generative AI, Selipsky said.

"We've moved rapidly on new generations of our (AI) chips like Trainium, and building Amazon Bedrock, and getting it adopted quickly and coming out with exciting applications on top of the models, like Amazon Q", an AI assistant, he said.

Selipsky, who took command of AWS in 2021, replacing Andy Jassy, who stepped into the chief executive role vacated by founder Jeff Bezos, was confident Amazon would remain a leader in cloud computing. As proof, he points to AWS customers and partners, including Nvidia.

The high-profile chipmaker recently announced it is building a "supercomputer" on AWS using Nvidia's own high-performing processors, the ultrasophisticated and coveted GPUs. When asked about exciting aspects of generative AI, Selipsky cited examples of ramped up productivity for its clients.

AWS user pharmaceutical giant Pfizer estimates that it will launch more powerful drugs faster, achieving as much as a billion dollars in annual savings due to AI, according to Selipsky.

Airlines and other industries are already using generative AI to power chatbots that interact with customers.

And while chatbots can make mistakes, companies reason that "human beings don't give 100 percent accuracy either," Selipsky said. "And in many cases, the models are actually outperforming the accuracy and the usefulness of live agents." **AFP**

After long peace, Big Tech faces US antitrust reckoning

After more than a decade of leaving Big Tech largely to itself, US antitrust enforcers have cranked up the heat, with several high-profile cases underway that could radically change the way the industry's giants do business.

Launched under both the Trump and Biden administrations, five major cases from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) are moving forward against major US technology companies -- including two against Google that could see the company split up.

The most recent came in March against Apple by the FTC, which alleges the iPhone maker abuses its dominance of the premium smartphone sector. Washington had largely remained silent on Big Tech cases since its wars with Microsoft that began in the 1990s and ended in a settlement in the early 2000s, after a bruising battle with the DOJ

Inspired by moves in Europe and elsewhere, the new generation of cases allege that the practices of tech giants including Amazon and Meta stifle competition, harm consumers, and warrant significant changes in business operations.

The cases are on different timelines, before different federal judges and are based on a wide variety of allegations. With appeals, the lawsuits could drag on as long as a decade. The first case in the campaign, launched in 2020 against Google over its search engine, could have an initial decision as early as the end of this year.

In the second Google case, also brought by the DOJ, the company is targeted for its dominance of the digital advertising sector. Amazon and Meta meanwhile face cases with the FTC. The suits have drawn applause from lawmakers, with frustration over the power of big tech companies running high with the public. But many in the business community and legal profession have balked, seeing the lawsuits as legally thin or politically motivated. **AP**

BITS & BYTES

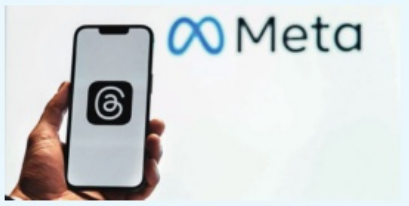
MISSILE CHECK

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted successful trials of the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System at PFFR in Rajasthan on Saturday.

The trials were conducted in the presence of the user team. During the trials, the missile performance and warhead performance were found to be remarkable.

According to a press release, the MPATGM Weapon System was indigenously designed and developed by DRDO. **IANS**

SAFEGUARDING ELECTIONS



Meta, which offers popular apps like Facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram, has said that as global elections continue to dominate headlines in 2024, no tech company is investing more to protect elections online than the social media giant.

The company said that currently, it has more than 40,000 people working on safeguarding elections online worldwide.

The social media giant claimed that it has invested more than $20 billion so far in building teams and technology to protect elections online. General elections will be held in South Africa on May 29 this year. "As the election approaches, we'll activate a South Africa-specific Elections Operations Centre," Meta said. **IANS**

SMART SURFACE VESSEL

South Korean shipbuilder HD Hyundai Heavy Industries said on Sunday it has partnered with US artificial intelligence (AI) company Palantir Technologies to co-develop an unmanned surface vessel (USV) for maritime surveillance. Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed recently, the two companies will cooperate in developing a USV for maritime surveillance by 2026 and later expand their partnership to produce a USV for use in combat at sea.

HD Hyundai said USVs are considered a game-changer in naval warfare, as they replace traditional manned vessels to undertake various missions in hazardous zones, reports Yonhap news agency. **IANS**

'Protected conservation areas are strictly off limits'

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These are sensitive areas and necessary assessment should be conducted before permission is granted for creating extra waterholes. We have not given any such permission in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. An inquiry will be conducted and necessary action will be taken," said Malkhede.

Conservationists are of the view that artificial waterholes should be created only in landscapes that are completely fragmented and obliterated owing to human activities and development projects.

"Wildlife sanctuaries are generally well-connected forest patches. Allowing private organisations and people inside PAs will lead to unnecessary disturbance. These forests have been through many draught seasons

and wildlife is accustomed to such conditions. Filling waterholes for wildlife in forest patches such as Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary will lead to animals losing their natural resistance. While such interventions can be done in degraded landscape, for instance, areas with Acacia plantation, it should be taken up only by the department and not NGOs," said another Bengaluru-based wildlife conservationist.

Wildlife activists are of the view that owing to the high frequency of such activities being taken up across forest patches in the state, KFD should issue a circular highlighting the rules.

According to wildlife researchers, a better approach to help wildlife, in the long run, should include clearing encroachments on forest land, restoring wildlife corridors, reducing wildlife frequency, and planning infrastructure development sustainably.

They said that although RFOs and DCFs can take calls and give permissions based on requirements in forest reserves, creating waterholes is not a necessity, especially inside forests that are well connected with surrounding landscapes.

"'Survival of the fittest' is the rule followed in the wild and we must not interfere with the process. People do not understand the science behind how natural habitats such as forests operate. Moreover, every waterhole created is akin to meddling with the landscape and altering its topography. We are damaging and destroying so many microhabitats in this process.

Any human activity inside protected forest areas should be discouraged," said Ramesh Belagere, a wildlife researcher at the Foundation of Ecology and Education Development.

"Unless a landscape is completely obliterated, no interference should be made and we must allow nature to take its course. However, when people see dehydrated animals, they create a hue and cry and blame the forest department for not providing water.

Moreover, we cannot deny that human activities have led to a negative impact on forest landscapes, and have changed water regimes. We are walking a tightrope and trying to balance public sentiments while ensuring minimal interference," said a senior KFD official.

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Know the positive impact of pets in our lives

Pets have a remarkable ability to bring joy, companionship, and countless benefits into our lives. As we celebrated National Pets Day, it's important to recognize and appreciate the positive impact that pets have on our well-being, both mentally and physically. From reducing stress and loneliness to promoting physical activity and providing unconditional love, pets play a significant role in brightening our lives in numerous ways.

Madhur Khanna, Director-Marketing, Mars Petcare India says that pet parents often find that their furry companions not only bring joy and companionship but also play a crucial role in fostering social connections. "Pets can serve as icebreakers, sparking conversations and interactions with fellow pet owners or even strangers, leading to new friendships and social networks. These interactions not only enhance our social integration but also contribute to our overall well-being and quality of life," she adds.

Let's celebrate the countless benefits that pets bring into our lives

1. Help Maintain Your Physical Well-Being

Pets contribute to your physical fitness. All breeds of dogs require regular, daily walks to maintain their happiness and well-being, and similarly, we need physical activity to stay healthy. However, humans can sometimes become lazy. If this resonates with you, having a dog can be the ideal solution. Dogs will motivate you to get outside and exercise daily, whether it's a walk around the neighbourhood or a run in the park.

2. You're Never Lonely

Pets ensure you're never alone. Living alone or having a partner with different work schedules can lead to feelings of loneliness at home. However, having a pet alleviates this loneliness significantly. Cats and dogs, in particular, make excellent companions. They eagerly await your return, are willing listeners if you need to vent about a tough day, and often enjoy cuddling on the sofa.

> "Pets serve as icebreakers, sparking interactions with fellow pet owners or even strangers, leading to new friendships

3. Help Balance Your Stress Levels

In today's fast-paced world, stress and anxiety levels are high, potentially causing various health issues. Fortunately, pets can significantly aid in relaxation; petting your cat or observing fish in a tank can ease your worries. Scientific studies have demonstrated that pet owners generally exhibit lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglyceride levels compared to non-pet owners.

4. Alert You About Your Health

If you observe unusual behaviour in your dog or cat without a clear reason, it may be wise to visit a healthcare professional. Animals with heightened olfactory senses can detect subtle changes in the human body. Dogs and cats, sensing abnormalities, may alter their behaviors, which can lead to early detection of illnesses such as cancer, narcolepsy, migraines, diabetes, and seizures.

5. Make Friends Easily

The community of pet owners is notably welcoming and friendly; you'll frequently encounter individuals striking up conversations about your dog while at the park. Owning a pet serves as an excellent avenue to meet new people and foster rapid connections, particularly if you struggle with small talk.

6. Loyalty And Friendship

The bond between animals and humans is truly special, often transcending mere companionship to form deep and lasting friendships. Pets, in particular, exhibit unwavering loyalty and companionship, making them cherished members of our families. Whether it's a wagging tail, a purring cat, or a gentle nuzzle, pets have a unique way of understanding and connecting with us on an emotional level. Their loyalty and devotion make them not just pets but loyal friends and beloved companions.

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MIRRORLIGHTS

Will to resist temptations trumps use of apps, study finds

People relying on willpower to resist temptations and achieve goals are perceived as more trustworthy compared to those resorting to "commitment strategies" such as using apps, a new research has shown.

In one experiment, participants were found to judge hypothetical users of commitment strategies as less trustworthy despite recognising that sometimes these strategies are more effective than willpower alone, researchers said.

Approaches involving commitment strategies have been shown to be successful for a varied range of goals such as quitting smoking, weight loss, academic achievement and saving money, according to Ariella Kristal of the Columbia University, and lead author of the study published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

Commitment strategies can also include having to pay a fine upon engaging in unwanted behaviour or relying on apps that help people avoid websites like Facebook and Instagram.

However, the researchers believe that resorting to commitment strategies could possibly signal a weakness in an individual's character, or a past failure, because of which they are having to rely on external incentives, rather than overcoming self control problems on their own.

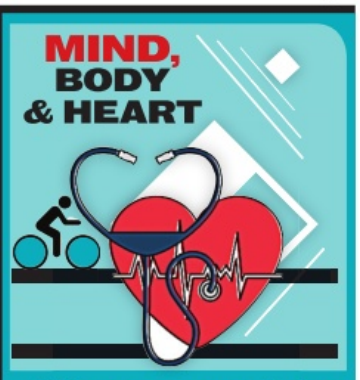
"Past failures of self control can be seen by others as moral failures. Because morality is an important component of integrity in particular, and trustworthiness more broadly, people who rely on commitment strategies may be viewed as less trustworthy than those who simply use willpower," Kristal said.

Through online experiments, the researchers involved more than 2,800 participants in the US for their study.

The participants were asked to rate the integrity of individuals in hypothetical situations who attempted to achieve a certain goal either through willpower or through a commitment strategy.

IGenerally, the researchers found that individuals described as depending on commitment strategies to achieve goals were judged to be less trustworthy than those relying on willpower alone.

In another experiment, the participants were found to be less likely to resort to a commitment strategy, if they had a hint that others might find out. **-PTI**



All you need to know about...

Microplastic danger

Blood clots
A team of scientists in China detected a whopping 80 per cent of microplastics from blood clots that may have contributed to stroke, heart attack, and Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT).

Health concern
Microplastics -- any type of plastic less than 5 mm long -- have long been known as a significant environmental and health concern worldwide.
The new study, published in the journal eBioMedicine, showed that the blood clot samples were found in the cerebral arteries in the brain, coronary arteries in the heart, and deep veins in the lower extremities of 30 patients.

Plastics found in clots
"Microplastics found in 80 per cent of clots retrieved from blood vessels after heart attack, stroke, or deep venous thrombosis. This is really bad news. Plastics are everywhere in modern life," Tatiana Prowell, Associate Professor of Oncology at Johns Hopkins University in the US, wrote in a post on X.com.

Investigate deeply
The study stressed the need to accurately investigate the impact of microplastics on human health. It showed that the presence of microplastics may increase the severity of heart attack, stroke, or deep venous thrombosis. "Our findings suggest that microplastics of different concentrations, polymer types, and physical properties are present in human thrombi (blood clots) and that higher levels of microplastics may be associated with disease severity," said the researchers from the First Affiliated Hospital of Shantou University Medical College, China.

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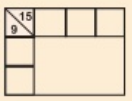
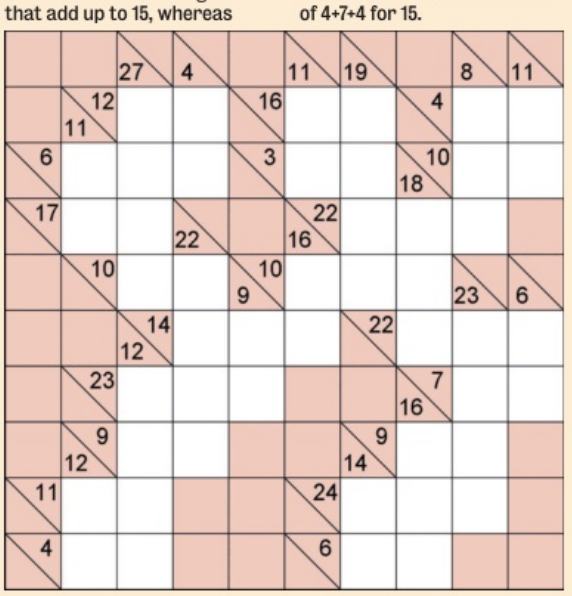
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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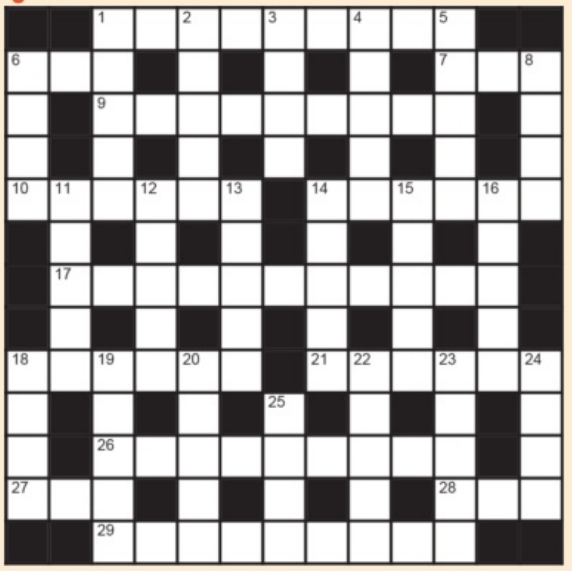


ACROSS

1 Bangalore's largest lake (9)
6 Former coin of France (3)
7 Botham or Chappell of cricket (3)
9 Olympic track and field event (9)
10 Nice-looking (6)
14 Joyous songs of Christmas? (6)
17 Lower in rank (11)
18 Grunts (6)
21 Mollycoddle (6)
26 India's first satellite (9)
27 The sesame plant (3)
28 Family (3)
29 Inactive, resting (9)

DOWN

1 Move very slightly (5)
2 Legal or valid (5)
3 Deeds (4)
4 Greek letter (5)
5 Mr Starr of The Beatles (5)
6 Fast card game (4)
8 Informal common sense (4)
11 Gone up (5)
12 Roman river (5)
13 Fenced areas (5)
14 Opposite of limp (5)
15 Kingdom (5)
16 Feudal lord (5)
18 Separate out (4)
19 Precious stones (5)
20 Played idly (5)
22 Ethiopian capital Addis ___ (5)
23 Having sickly appearance (5)
24 Check or constrain (4)
25 Like a black wood (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS D

C TJKPSZZOKMCY IJORSJ OZ CM CQCRSFJ IGK BOBM'R XFOR.

Linemaro

I saw you in Paris and Eiffel for you

Mindchow

You don't get ulcers from what you eat; you get them from what's eating you

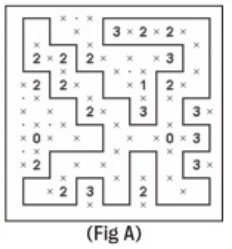
Joke of the day

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it

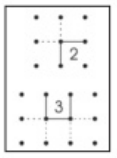
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

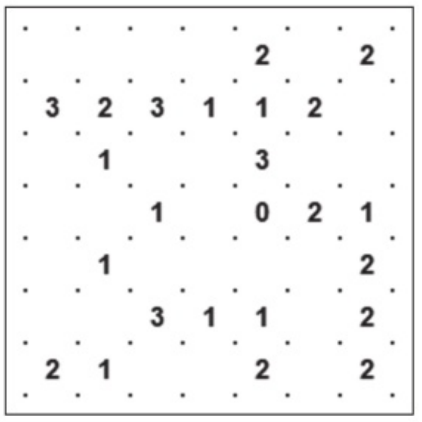


(Fig B) Not Allowed

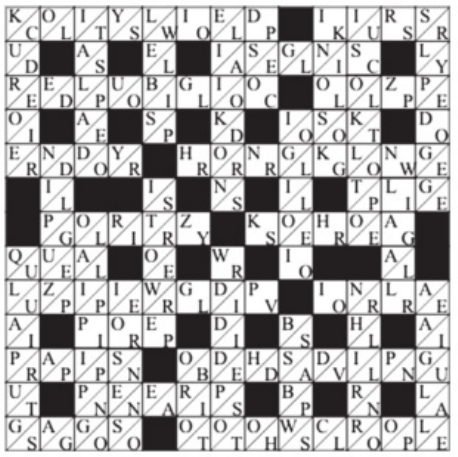
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



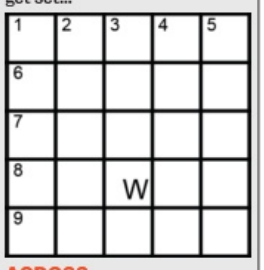
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

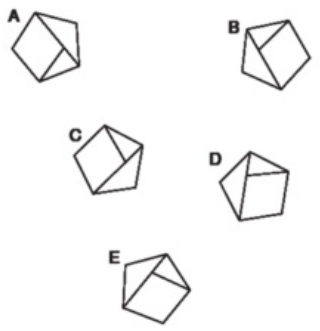
1 Malic; 6 Nacre; 7 Tunis; 8 Saw am; 9 Libya

DOWN

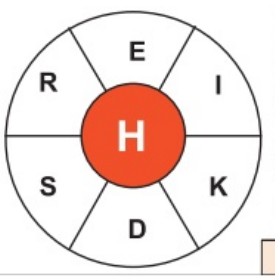
1 Mr Cub; 2 Liana; 3 A wain; 4 Lac it; 5 My Ess

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	2					4	8	
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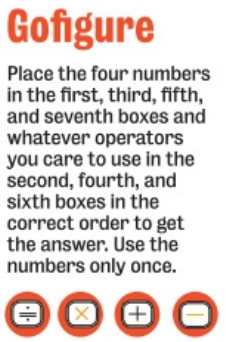
	4			2	7			
			9	8			6	
6		8		9	4	5		
	3	9					2	
1	5			6				8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

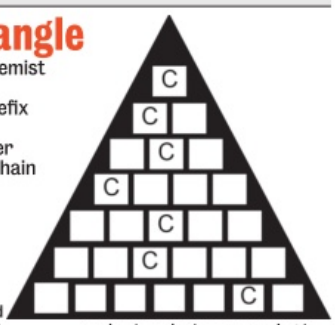
Differences: 1. Title is different. 2. Fingers are not showing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Lapel is different. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Collar is not showing.

Riddler

A Cyclops stares from pale white face. Earrings seven his visage grace. Atop his head are five tattoos. Ebon black his pair of shoes. On his pale back six scars dug deep. He felt no pain and did not weep. His job to tumble, bounce and fall; But he's no fool. No not at all! Who or what is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Carbon for the chemist
2 Company, abbr.
3 Environmental prefix
4 Furnace fuel
5 English philosopher
6 Picture-case on chain
7 Horse's leg joint



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

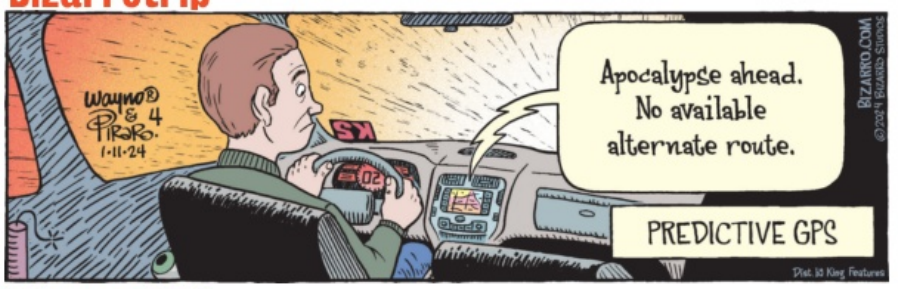
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

I WONDER HOW A STRANGE ARTIFACT GOT IN MY GARDEN?
IT LOOKS LIKE A HEADPIECE!
IT FITS ME PERFECTLY!
WHA'-TH--? I FEEL STRANGE!
I'M CHANGING!
7-21

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

MIKE, ALL OF THE REASONS THAT YOU HATE ME ARE BASED ON THINGS THAT WERE OUT OF MY CONTROL.
I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO HATE WHOEVER I WANT AND FOR ANY REASON. IT'S A FREE COUNTRY.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT INSPIRED SAID FREE COUNTRY? THE ROMAN EMPIRE!
GREAT SEGUE, LIV.

Crankshaft

MY TAILBONE HURTS... MY RIBS HURT... MY NECK HURTS... AND I HAVE A SPLITTING HEADACHE!
I'M TAKING YOU TO THE DOCTOR!
NO... I'M FINE!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and your destiny is with you. Your postponed projects are likely to start now. You may receive blessings from elders, which can help you overcome messy situations and boost your work speed. Domestic harmony may bring happiness after resolving disputes among family members. Your creativity may improve, leading you towards creating artefacts, and movies, and being attracted to glamour.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, the moon is not in a favourable position for you, and you may feel dull with possible health issues. Financial losses are indicated, so it's advised not to invest in risky assets. Your gains may turn into losses, and investing in worthless objects should be avoided. Stay away from controversies as they may negatively impact you.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Love may be in the air, and singles may find suitable matches. Professional life may see improvements, with support from friends and subordinate staff.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your confidence may reflect in your work, putting you in a winning position against opponents. You may have a good focus towards your goals, and health issues could be minimal. In domestic life, avoid unnecessary arguments to maintain harmony.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may feel happy due to auspicious planetary influences, which could enhance your prestige among people. Spending time on intellectual pursuits and planning for higher studies is favoured.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Negative vibrations may surround you today, leading to unhappiness. Avoid investments in worthless assets and expect less support from friends and others. Independent decisions are advised.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may struggle to present yourself logically today and could feel lacking in confidence. Follow your intuition for investment decisions and be cautious of unhealthy food to avoid stomach issues. Cooperation in routine work may be lacking.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel excited due to support from family and friends. Planning to renovate your house or upgrade your possessions could enhance your social status. Expect an increase in fixed assets.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is favourable for gains with less effort. Your wisdom may turn losses into profits, and academic pursuits or charitable activities are favoured. Students may excel, and some investment in intellectual assets is possible.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may feel dull with possible health issues today, so avoid rush driving and conflicts with business partners. Elderly blessings may bring things under control by evening.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Destiny is on your side today, and postponed projects may start with the elder's blessings. Resolved family disputes may enhance domestic harmony, and creativity may flourish. You may be drawn to glamour.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Enthusiasm fills you today, leading to good performance in business and work. Supportive bosses may bring new responsibilities or promotions. A visit to a religious place is possible, but avoid arrogance in love life.

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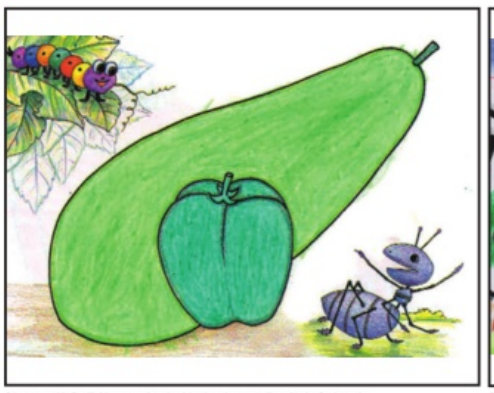

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
√ 25 % = √25 /100 = (5/10) = 0.5
√ 49 % = √49/100 = √ (7/10) = 0.7
0.5+0.7 = 1.2 = 120%

RIDDLER
Die

BULL'S EYE
dish, heir, herd, hide, hike, hired, hiker, hire, hired, shed, shied, shire, shirk, SHIRKED, shred, shriek

FAST FIVE

B	I	A	L	Y
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
C: the rest are the same figure rotated.

QUOTE UNCODE
A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit.

SUDOKU

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1	5	2	7	6	3	9	4	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, Co, Eco, Coke, Locke, Locket, Fellock.

GO FIGURE
Easy
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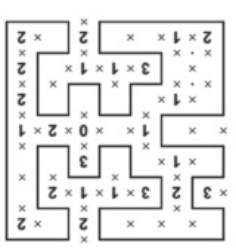
Medium
3 + 3 / 6 x 7 = 7
Hard
3 + 4 – 1 x 7 = 42

LOOP



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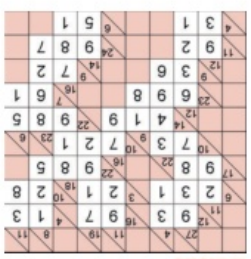

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Crown throwback
Priyanka Chopra took a trip down memory lane by sharing a throwback photo from her beauty pageant days along with a recent mirror selfie

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Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Meet the debutante

The muhurat function of Duniya Vijay's 29th movie VK 29 was held at Sri Veeranjaneya Swamy Temple, Mahalakshmipuram recently. Ritanya aka Monica, the daughter of Duniya Vijay, makes debut in Sandalwood with this movie that is helmed by Jadesh Kumar Hampi. MLA Gopalaiah sounded the clap board.

"I am very happy to act in this movie in which my father is playing the lead. I had training in acting at Anupam Kher Film Institute in Mumbai," said Ritanya.

The specialty of VK 29 is that it is bankrolled by father and son (K V Satyaprakash and Suraj Gowda) and has a father and daughter duo as actors (Duniya Vijay and Ritany). "My daughter Ritanya is playing my daughter in the movie. My character in the movie is very good," said Duniya Vijay.

Jadesh Kumar Hampi said incidents that took place in Kolar during the 1990s are an inspiration for me to write the script.

Reformer, achiever, saint

The shooting of a devotional movie Samartha Sadguru Sri Sangameshwara Maharajaru began on Saturday. Its muhurat function was held at Sri Krishna Math near Vidyapeetha in Bengaluru. National award winning director Girish Kasaravalli sounded the clap board in the presence of Prabhuji Maharaj of Inchegeri.

"The producer and director of this movie are the reason I attended the muhurat function of this movie. Both helped me during the shooting of Thaayi Saheba that was made in 1997. I was surprised when they told me about the history of Sri Sangameshwara Maharajaru. I advised them to showcase him as an achiever or reformer instead of presenting him as a saint," said director Girish Kasaravalli.

On the occasion, Sri Prabhuji Maharaj of Inchegeri said that he had advised producer Madhavananda two years ago to make a movie on the history of Sri Sangameshwara Maharajaru. "The Inchegeri tradition has its own sanctity and importance in Karnataka," said Sri Prabhuji Maharaja.

Everybody is a fan

Celebs groove to the music at Diljit's concert; Kareena says she is a fangirl

Kareena Kapoor Khan, who is currently basking in the success of her recent hit 'Crew', is a 'forever fan girl' of Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh.

Diljit recently performed at the Mahalakshmi Race Course in Mumbai, sending concert-goers into a frenzy.

The event took place at the MMRDA R2 Ground in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) area.

Kareena, who has earlier worked with Diljit in 'Udta Punjab' and 'Good Newwz', took to the Stories section of her Instagram and uploaded a video from the gig.

She wrote on the video, "Fan girl forever". In the video, Diljit can be heard saying, "Hoyegi Beyonce, hoyegi Rihanna, saddi taan ae hi hai Kareena".

The actor-singer also performed the song 'Naina' from 'Crew'. Several Bollywood celebrities, including comedian Maniesh Paul, Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Ayushmann Khurrana, Taapsee Pannu, Iulia Vantur and singer Harshdeep Kaur attended the concert.

Auteur Imtiaz Ali, who returned back to his form with the recent Diljit Dosanjh and Parineeti Chopra-starrer streaming film 'Amar Singh Chamkila' was also present at the event.

Diljit is currently ruling the roost with his slew of musical hits and 'Amar Singh Chamkila' adding another feather to his cap. **-IANS**

Firing outside Salman's house: Probe on

In a shocking incident early Sunday morning, two unidentified individuals fired shots at Bollywood actor, Salman Khan's residence, Galaxy Apartment, in Mumbai's Bandra area.

Police officials confirmed that the two individuals, who were on a motorbike, fired rounds at the actor's residence at around 5 am. According to the statement, three rounds were fired outside the actor's house.

The Mumbai Police's Crime Branch swiftly responded to the scene to initiate an investigation into the matter. "Today at around 5 am, two unidentified people opened fire outside the house of actor Salman Khan in Bandra. Police have received information about 3 rounds of firing. Mumbai

Police's Crime Branch has reached the spot for investigation," stated a Mumbai police official.

Following the incident, security was heightened outside the actor's residence, with a forensic team also present at the scene. A video released online saw a member of the forensic team circling what appeared to be a bullet mark on the actor's build wall. With the help of one of Salman's security guards, the man was seen climbing a ladder to mark out a hole left in the wall where a bullet hit. He was seen measuring the circled area and taking photographs of the same.

Footage from the site saw security personnel helping the team collect evidence from the site. Many noticed the road outside the actor's house was marked with squares, presumably where the evidence of the shootout was left behind.

According to reports, police authorities are currently examining CCTV footage from the area and the surrounding locality in efforts to identify the perpetrators. The motive behind the attack remains unclear, and investigations are ongoing to ascertain the circumstances around the incident.

-ETimes

Those were the days

Soon-to-be mother Richa Chadha reminisced about her school days on Sunday, sharing a throwback picture of her 'best girl gang' named 'Saste Qatil'.

Richa took to Instagram and reshared a picture posted by a fan page named "Richa Chadha _merizindagi".

The picture shows the 'Madam Chief Minister' actress wearing a white shirt and a black bandana on her head. She gives an intense look, posing alongside her two girl besties. Richa did her schooling from Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Delhi. The post is captioned: "LOL! This photo is from school days, when we made up a gang (to kinda combat one stupid boy gang that was kinda toxic). We ironically named this girl gang Saste Qatil. Don't miss the bandana and the attitude. Pic was taken in the Barista at Janpath, next to People Tree... Delhi peeps would know! Best years of my life. Best girl gang ever!" Richa is married to actor Ali Fazal, and they are expecting their first child.

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Cute chic

Rashmika Mandanna has the uncanny ability to keep her social media followers engaged with absolutely cute, candid poses

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